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SUBJ: JAPANESE LETTER TO SYG ON ME

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER GIVEN TO SYG OCT 17 BY JAPANESE  
PERMREP SAITO. ON PASSING COPY TO US, JAPANESE SAID THEY DID  
NOT EXPECT LETTER WOULD BE CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT.

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT,  
TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS STUDIED YOUR STATEMENT, DATED  
11 OCTOBER, 1973, ADDRESSED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
REGARDING THE PRESENT ARMED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WITH GREAT  
INTEREST AND WITH THE CARE WHICH IT MERITS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN SHARE YOUR GRAVE  
CONCERN OVER THIS TRAGIC REVIVAL OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST, WHICH HAS BEEN TORMENTED BY RECURRENT HOSTILITIES FOR SUCH  
A LONG TIME. WE AGREE THAT THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE A SERIOUS  
DANGER OF THE ESCALATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CONFLICT, INVOLVING  
MORE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, AND EVEN THE BIG POWERS, THEREBY  
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THREATENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN A MUCH WIDER

CONTEXT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE CONCERN  
EXPRESSED BY MY GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY STAGE OF THE CONFLICT, WHEN  
IT STATED:

"ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS  
CAPITALS, AS WELL AS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, A LARGE SCALE  
MILITARY CONFLICT IS STILL CONTINUING. IT IS OUR ARDENT HOPE  
THAT A CEASE-FIRE WILL BE CONCLUDED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.  
THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PRESENT HOSTILITIES LIES IN THE FACT  
THAT THE MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEM HAS BEEN LEFT UNSETTLED  
FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

WE THEREFORE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT A JUST AND LASTING  
PEACE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, TO PREVENT A FURTHER RECURRENCE OF  
ARMED CONFLICTS."

IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, AS THE  
INTERNATIONAL ORGAN PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE  
OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, SHOULD EXERT ALL ITS  
EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN EARLY END TO THE PRESENT CONFLICT  
BEFORE IT ESCALATES FURTHER, AND ACHIEVE A JUST AND  
LASTING PEACE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO REITERATE, IN THIS CONNECTION, OUR  
CONSISTENT POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS TO MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.  
YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT IN YOUR DIFFICULT  
AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TASK.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KEEP IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU  
AND YOUR STAFF AND I PLEDGE THE COMPLETE CO-OPERATION OF  
MY DELEGATION IN HELPING YOU ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION.

SHIZUO SAITO  
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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPAN  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
BENNETT

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